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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Vishnu K. Agarwal Attorney Docket No. : 501082.16 (98-0616.15)  
Serial No. : 09/652,580 Group Art Unit : 2825  
Filed : August 31, 2000 Examiner : Caridad M. Everhart  
Title : DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING AGAINST OXIDATION OF A CONDUCTIVE LAYER IN SAID DEVICE

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Box RCE  
Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant requests continued examination, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, of the above-identified application.

**1. Submission Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a.  Submission previously submitted

  - i.  Consider the amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - iii.  Consider the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.

b.  Submission enclosed

  - i.  Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

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**2. Suspension of Action** (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

- Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_ months.

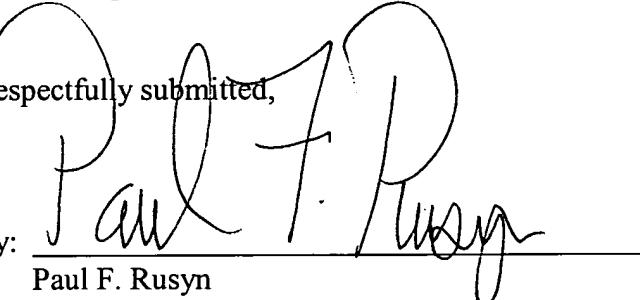
**3. Accompanying Papers**

- Postcard  
 Check  
 Fee Transmittal Sheet  
 Petition

**4. Deposit Account**

- The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required in the above-identified patent application to Deposit Account No. 50-1266.

Date: 9 April 03

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